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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Claims 1-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Applicant claims a leavening ingredient which comprises a leavening agent encapsulated with a microporous lipid coating having reticulated passages. On page 4 of the specification, applicant discloses " spray chilling as a coating method has been considered inadequate since the coating resulting therefrom is not substantially continuous and non-porous". On page 6 of the specification, applicant discloses " the microporous lipid coating is formed by spray chilling techniques". The specification does not disclose how the ingredient is made to be microporous; spray chilling is disclosed to give a non-porous coating and the claimed ingredient is made by spray chilling techniques; yet, applicant claims that the coating is microporous. There is no teaching of how the ingredient is made to be microporous.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, what does applicant mean by " reticulated passages"

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-11,13-25,27-28, 31,33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Katz et al.

Katz et al disclose a leavening system comprising of gluconodelta-lactone and sodium bicarbonate. One of the components is coated with a partially hydrogenated vegetable oil. The acid can be coated or the sodium bicarbonate can be coated. The preferred encapsulated glucono-delta-lactone comprises by weight 48-72% glucono-delta-lactone coated with 28-52% partially hydrogenated vegetable oil. The leavening system is used in bread dough. (See col. 3 lines 1-25 and example 3)

Katz et al disclose coating leavening ingredient with hydrogenated vegetable oil which is the same coating material as claimed; thus, it is inherent the Katz et al composition has the properties as claimed.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.

2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 12, 26 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz et al.

The teaching of Katz et al is described above. They do not disclose the size, the amount of leavening incorporated into the dough and muffin dough.

Since the agent used in the Katz et al composition is leavening agent, it is expected the size is closed to the one claimed. In any event, it would have been obvious to use product of varying size depending on the texture and how well one wants the ingredient to blend in with other ingredients of the dough. It is known finer agent will blend in better with the rest of the ingredients than coarser one. As to the amount, the amount leavening used varies with the type of product and the volume and texture desired. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use an amount which would give the most optimum rising and texture to the specific product being made; this amount can readily be determined by one skilled in the art through routine experimentation. It would also have been obvious to use the encapsulated leavening ingredient in any other product which requires leavening agent and when the benefit provided by the encapsulation is desired. Muffin requires leavening agent; thus, it would have been obvious to add it to muffin.

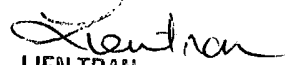
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lien T Tran whose telephone number is 571-271-1408. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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